

HEADLINE NEWS

For information about TDN, call 732-747-8060.
www.thoroughbreddailynews.com



THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009



DYNAFORMER Attains & Surpasses a Milestone: 101 Lifetime Stakes Winners
[click here for more](#)

TAPIT COLT SETS MIDLANTIC RECORD

A colt by Tapit attracted a sales-record bid of \$850,000 to top yesterday's opening session of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Timonium, Maryland. Named **Tashop**, [hip 24](#) was consigned by Cary Frommer, as agent for the Hobeau Farm dispersal. Bloodstock agent Steve Young made the winning bid on behalf of an undisclosed client. "He was the best-training horse at the sale," Young said of the chestnut colt, who worked a furlong in :10.1 during last week's under tack show. "He's by a very hot sire, out of a mare that's already thrown a Grade I winner. He stands on his own merit, but he also has all the qualities to be a big-time horse. I thought he would be the sales topper." Out of Shopping (Private Account), Tashop is a half to Grade I winner Miss Shop (Deputy Minister) and to graded stakes placed Bought in Dixie (Dixie-



Miss Shop Equi-Photo

land Band) and Bulling (Holy Bull). From his first crop to race, Gainesway stallion Tapit (Pulpit) is the sire of last year's champion juvenile filly Stardom Bound, as well as graded stakes winners Laragh and War Echo, and stakes winners Retap and Bearcatt. Kieran McLaughlin will train yesterday's sale's topper. A half brother to GI Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird (Birdstone) was a late entry to the two-day auction and attracted plenty of interest before selling to Cot Campbell's Dogwood Stable for \$485,000. The dark bay colt ([hip 107](#)) is by Yonaguska and is the second foal out of the unraced Mining My Own (Smart Strike). He was also consigned by Frommer. **Cont. p2**



Cot Campbell Horsephotos

SESSION TOPPERS

SPONSORED BY
Paramount Sales

Pat Costello • 859.296.6455 • www.paramountsales.net

TOP FIVE - FT MIDLANTIC MONDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
24	c	Tapit	Shopping	850,000
<i>B-Hobeau Farm (FL)</i>				
Property of Hobeau Farm Dispersal, Cary Frommer, agent Purchased by Steven W Young, agent				
107	c	Yonaguska	Mining My Own	485,000
(\$72,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '09 OBSMAR)				
<i>B-Lamantia, Blackburn & Needham/Betz T'brids (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent Purchased by Dogwood Stable Inc				
25	f	Hennessy	Shoreline	170,000
(\$62,000 wnl '07 KEENOV; \$105,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)				
<i>B-James S Carter (VA)</i>				
Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent Purchased by Thoroughbred Futures				
39	c	Stephen Got Even	Smoking Quality	160,000
(\$42,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)				
<i>B-William A Carl (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Bloodstock Management, Robert Cunningham, agent Purchased by Hillwood Stable LLC				
241	c	Tale of the Cat	Daimon	150,000
<i>B-Hobeau Farm (FL)</i>				
Property of Hobeau Farm Dispersal, Cary Frommer, agent Purchased by Saul & Max Kupferberg				

FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC

Session Totals	2009	2008
Catalogued	250	324
No. Offered	155	242
No. Sold	113	158
RNAs	42	84
% RNAs	27.1%	34.7%
High Price	\$850,000	\$230,000
Gross	\$5,364,900	\$7,213,300
Average	\$47,477 (+4.0%)	\$45,654
Median	\$22,000 (-18.5%)	\$27,000

TDN TODAY

Headline News..... **13 pages**

THE CO-SECOND LEADING SIRE OF STAKES WINNERS IN 2009

MIZZCAN'TBEWRONG WIRES THE FIELD IN THE RELUCTANT GUEST STAKES AT ARLINGTON ON MAY 16TH BECOMING THE **7TH STAKES WINNER IN 2009** FOR COZZENE'S SUCCESSOR MIZZEN MAST, THE **#2 TURF SIRE IN 2009.**



2009 FEE - \$17,500 LF



Juddmonte

(859) 272-7629

www.juddmonte.com



(Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Monday cont. from p1)

Cary Frommer signed the ticket for the Yonaguska colt at \$72,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale. The two-year-old sold for \$100,000 at OBS March, with Craig Wheeler, agent, signing the ticket on behalf of Paul Saylor. The juvenile only galloped before yesterday's sale, but did work a furlong in :10.2 before selling at OBS in March. "I've been interested in him from the time I knew he was in there," Campbell, who bid on the colt via phone from South Carolina, admitted. "I've been familiar with the horse and his connections, and I knew his background, and I had some confidence in all that. And I loved his half-brother, of course, and when he ran second in the Preakness, with what I thought was a magnificent race, it made me confident that [Mine That Bird] could be the real McCoy, so I went for this colt. It's a lot more than I usually pay, but it's a good opportunity, and I think he'd be a horse with some residual value." Campbell added that the recent exploits of Derby and Preakness third-place finisher Musket Man, who is also by Yonaguska, added to the juvenile's appeal. "Yonaguska has suddenly gotten a little more voguish in the last few weeks," he said. "That gave me some confidence, too. It's not like Yonaguska is Storm Cat, but he's certainly gotten more celebrity than he had." The \$485,000 was a little more than Campbell expected to pay for the colt. "It was as high as I was going to go, and a little higher, I guess, than I expected," he confirmed. "I had him figured at about \$450,000, so I hit him one more time after the other crowd bid \$475,000 and was glad to get him. I'm going to ship him straight up to Todd Pletcher at Saratoga." Campbell is hoping for a Spa debut for his newest acquisition. "He has breezed three-eighths of a mile and he's had a little gate work, so he'd come to hand in six-to-eight weeks," Campbell said. "I think about the time Saratoga opens, he'd be ready to go." The connections of Mine That Bird were among the underbidders on their star's half brother. During yesterday's initial session, Fasig-Tipton sold 113 horses for a total of \$5,364,900. Bolstered by the two top-selling lots, the average increased four percent to \$47,477.

The median fell 18.5 percent to \$22,000. Of the 250 catalogued lots, 155 went through the ring and 113 sold. The buy-back rate of 27.1 percent was down from last year's figure of 34.7 percent. The sale's second and final session gets underway this morning at 10 a.m.

MINE THAT BIRD LOSES ANOTHER JOCKEY

First GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mine That Bird** (Birdstone) lost jockey Calvin Borel to GI Preakness S. winner **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglia d'Oro), now he's lost the services of Mike Smith, who rode him to a runner-up finish Saturday in Baltimore. According to *Daily Racing Form*, Smith has chosen to forgo a trip to New York for the June 6 GI Belmont S. and will remain in California to ride **Madeo** (Mizzen Mast) in that afternoon's GI Charles Whittingham S. at Hollywood Park. "We made this commitment to Madeo before the Preakness, before the filly was sold, and Calvin took off Mine That Bird to ride the filly and we got a chance to ride Mine That Bird in the Preakness," Smith's agent Brad Pegram told the *Form* yesterday. The move could pave the way for Borel to return to the Derby winner in the Belmont, should connections decide not to enter Rachel Alexandra in the third leg of the Triple Crown.



Sarah K Andrew

PREAKNESS HANDLE UP All-sources handle on Saturday's GI Preakness S. rose 30.7 percent to \$59,726,342, while handle on the 13-race card rose 21.3 percent to \$86,684,470 from corresponding 2008 figures. The on-track attendance of 77,850 was the smallest Preakness crowd since 1983. Rachel Alexandra's Preakness victory was a television ratings success. The race portion of the broadcast earned an overnight rating of 7.9 and an 18 share--up 27 percent from a year ago. The rating was the highest since Smarty Jones won the Preakness in 2004. The top five markets for the Preakness were Baltimore, Louisville and Ft. Myers, West Palm Beach and Columbus.



Champion Smoke Glacken

SIRE ON FIRE...7 Winners Coast-to-Coast This Weekend

SEVEN Smoke Glacken Winners at Racetracks all over the U.S....Belmont Park, Hollywood Park, Louisiana Downs, Philadelphia Park (2), Finger Lakes & Arlington Park
On All Surfaces...Dirt, Turf, Polytrack
At All Distances...5.5 Furlongs, 6 Furlongs, 7 Furlongs, 7.5 Furlongs, 1 Mile

"Smoke Glacken has turned out to be one of the most consistent value-for-money mid-range sires, particularly for fast &/or consistent precocious horses." Alan Porter, MarketWatch

Racehorse Sire...\$17,500 LFSN



GAINESWAY Power. Passion. Performance. Contact Michael Hernon 859-293-2676 www.gaineway.com



**TDN Feature Presentation
GROUP 1 IRISH 2000 GUINEAS**



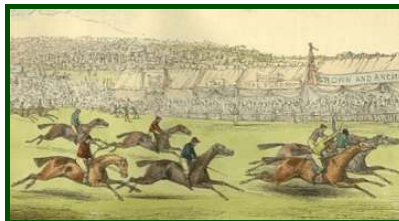
brought to you by
LANE'S END

WEEKEND STAKES PERFORMERS:

PLEASANTLY PERFECT: SW LIGHT GREEN; **BELONG TO ME:** SW GRAND CASH; **KINGMAMBO:** G1PL ALEXANDROS & G2PL FARIDAT; **A.P. INDY:** G2PL JUST AS WELL; **LANGFUHR:** G2PL CASANOVA MOVE: & MORE!

DELEGATOR HEADS 17 ACCEPTORS

Poilin Good's G1 2000 Guineas runner-up **Delegator (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) heads the list of 17 acceptors following yesterday's forfeit stage for the Irish equivalent at The Curragh Saturday. Trainer Brian Meehan expressed satisfaction after the G3 Craven S. winner worked at the trainer's Manton base yesterday. "Delegator seems to have taken the [G1 2000] Guineas very well," said Meehan. We had originally considered giving The Curragh a miss and heading for Royal Ascot [instead], but he did his final piece of work on the Derby gallop [Monday] and went very well under Sean Mulvey, his regular work rider, who was very pleased with him. We shall have to monitor the ground, but it looks as though it will be easier than the surface at Newmarket and that should suit him." Trainer Aidan O'Brien will be represented by a maximum of seven entries, headed by Newmarket fifth **Mastercraftsman (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who will bid to give the Ballydoyle handler a sixth victory in the Classic. Jim Bolger has two possibles, **Fergus McIver (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) and G1 Dewhurst S. hero **Intense Focus** (Giant's Causeway), but the trainer has indicated the latter will miss the mile contest if the track condition, which is currently listed as heavy, is too testing. Fergus McIver also holds an alternative engagement in Sunday's G3 Gallinule S. at the Co. Kildare track. Godolphin's sole representative is 2000 Guineas 13th **Ashram (Ire)** (Indian Haven {GB}), who will attempt to provide Saeed bin Suuroor with a hat trick of victories if making the final line up.



**Classic
Corner**

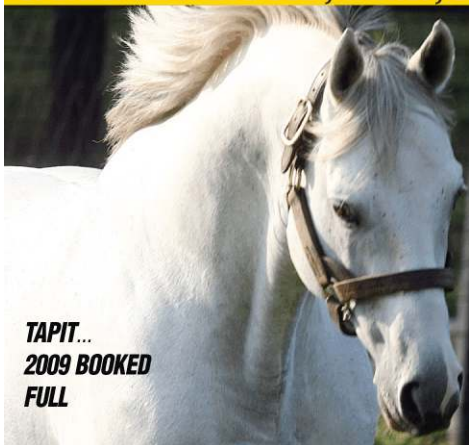
DREAM ISN'T OVER FOR CROWDED HOUSE

Trainer Brian Meehan will monitor the progress of **Crowded House (GB)** (Rainbow Quest) over the course of the next week before making a decision on the colt's participation in the June 6 G1 Investec Derby at Epsom. The G1 Racing Post Trophy winner scaped badly after finishing a disappointing eighth in the G2 Dante S. at York May 14, but has improved in recent days. "Crowded House was found to have some mucus present when we scoped him after the race, and that helps explain his below par run," revealed trainer Brian Meehan. "However, it was fine again when we scoped him at the weekend. That is encouraging, but his blood is still not quite right. We plan to make every effort to make it to Epsom, but he will not be rushed. We shall monitor him closely this week and then see where we are before making a firm decision."

Super Sleuth Has Irish 1000 Option...

Lucinda Freedman's G1 1000 Guineas third **Super Sleuth (Ire)** (Selkirk) may be added to the field for Sunday's Irish equivalent. The chesnut homebred, who is still a maiden after six starts, will need to be supplemented today--at a cost of €40,000-- if connections decide she is to accompany stablemate **Delegator (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) across the Irish Sea. "We have thought about it, myself and the owners have been discussing it and we will decide on Tuesday morning whether to supplement Super Sleuth for the Irish 1000 Guineas," said trainer Brian Meehan. "She ran a fabulous race on ground that we feared was plenty sharp enough for her at Newmarket and we feel she may try her luck at The Curragh. Like Delegator, she has taken her Newmarket exertions very well, and she will appreciate the easier ground. We think she will ultimately stay further, so she should also appreciate the stiff mile."

UPDATE: TAPIT 2YO COLT, TASHOP, SELLS FOR \$850,000 TO STEVE YOUNG, AGT. AT F-T MAY SETTING NEW SALE RECORD



TIP TOP TAPIT

The 2008 LEADING Freshman & Juvenile Sire with 22 1st Crop 2YO Winners

Sire of 2YO Champion Filly **STARDOM BOUND**,
2YO G1 Winner **LARAGH** & 2009 G3 Winner **WAR ECHO**

Look for **TAPIT 2YO's** Selling **TODAY** at F-T Midlantic Hip **386, 392, 500**

**TAPIT...
2009 BOOKED
FULL**



GAINESWAY

Power. Passion. Performance. Contact Michael Herson 859-293-2676 www.gaineway.com



☆ RESULTS ☆

Monday, Woodbine

VIGIL S.-GIII, \$140,682, WOX, 5-18, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:22 3/5, ft.

1--#**@FIELD COMMISSION**, 117, c, 4, by Service Stripe

1st Dam: Tearfull Moment, by Schossberg

2nd Dam: Water Spider, by Briartic

3rd Dam: Midi Skirt, by Canebora

O-E Seltzer & D Vella; B-Minshall Farms (ON);

T-Daniel J Vella; J-Tyler Pizarro; \$87,768. Lifetime

Record: 13-5-2-4, \$322,326. **Werk Nick Rating: B.**

Click for [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Dozen Dancer**, 115, g, 4, Chief Seattle--Prairie

Dancer, by Dumaani. (\$4,500 yrl '06 OBSAUG).

O-George Robertson; B-Joseph LaCombe Stables Inc

(FL); T-Tony Mattine; \$25,440.

3--**Timely Advice**, 115, c, 4, [A.P. Indy](#)--Confessional, by

Holy Bull. O-Pin Oak Stable; B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY);

T-Malcolm Pierce; \$13,992.

Margins: 1HF, NK, HF. Odds: 22.45, 56.40, 7.35.

Also Ran: Passager (Fr), Rebellion (GB), Shadowless, Disfunction, D. Flutie, Wollemi Pine, Judiths Wild Rush, Just Rushing.

Field Commission, who ended 2008 with a fourth-place effort in the GIII Kennedy Road S., was a narrowly beaten third in the Apr. 25 Jacques Cartier S. in his only previous outing this term. The lightly regarded chestnut settled into stride while racing in mid-pack early. He moved into contention at the top of the lane and darted to the lead along the rail at midstretch before drawing clear to his first stakes win. Click for [brisnet.com PPs](#) or [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video](#), sponsored by Taylor Made.

☆ Watch Out for "TDN Rising Stars" ☆

Stars of tomorrow grabbing the spotlight today...

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

Wildcat Heir
2009's Leading Freshman Sire

Sires his 5th Winner on Sunday
and the 3rd Highest Priced Filly at
Fasig-Tipton Midlantic on Monday

2009 Stud Fee: \$6,500 S & N

A TAYLOR MADE / WINSTAR VENTURE and NEW FARM

STANDING AT BRENT FERNUNG'S JOURNEYMAN STUD IN FLORIDA • (352) 629-1200

GIII Vigil S. Field Commission (Service Stripe) powers to lead late.

New GSW!
NO ADVANTAGE wins
1 1/16-mile William
Donald Schaefer S.-G3
on Preakness day.



12% SWs from Foals

in his 1st crop, including

2009 G1 SW

KODIAK KOWBOY



VINERY LTD
www.vinery.com

POSSE

SILVER DEPUTY - RASKA, by RAHY ■ \$20,000 Stands & Nurses

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
May 23	GII Sheepshead Bay H.	BEL
	GII Milady H.	HOL
	GIII Louisville H.	CD
	GIII Arlington Matron S.	AP
	GIII Hanshin Cup	AP

In Other News...

A Daily Roundup of
Racing Articles in Other Media

[Holding Her Own for Her New Team](#)

George Vescey, *New York Times*

[At Troubled Preakness, a Sobering Attendance Drop](#)

Lisa Rein, *Washington Post*

[Jockey's Switch A Real Winner](#)

Bob Ford, *Philadelphia Inquirer*

[Again, Borel's Tactics Turn Out Brilliant](#)

Andy Beyer, *Washington Post*



Last week, the international consulting group Value Partners presented a report to the Breeders' Cup's Strategic Planning Committee along with other members of the Breeders' Cup board.

TDN *Q&A*

The report was the result of months of study and dozens of interviews at the behest of the committee to help the Breeders' Cup chart its course over the next five to 10 years. Last month, the TDN sat down with Satish Sanan, who heads the Breeders' Cup's Strategic Planning Committee and Value Partners' William Field. Today, the TDN follows up with Breeders' Cup Chairman of the Board Bill Farish and President and CEO Greg Avioli.

TDN: The Breeders' Cup continues to be among the more successful entities in horseracing and has made some dramatic changes in recent years. Why, then, was there a feeling that a consultant should be brought in to suggest changes, solutions and ways to grow the Breeders' Cup?

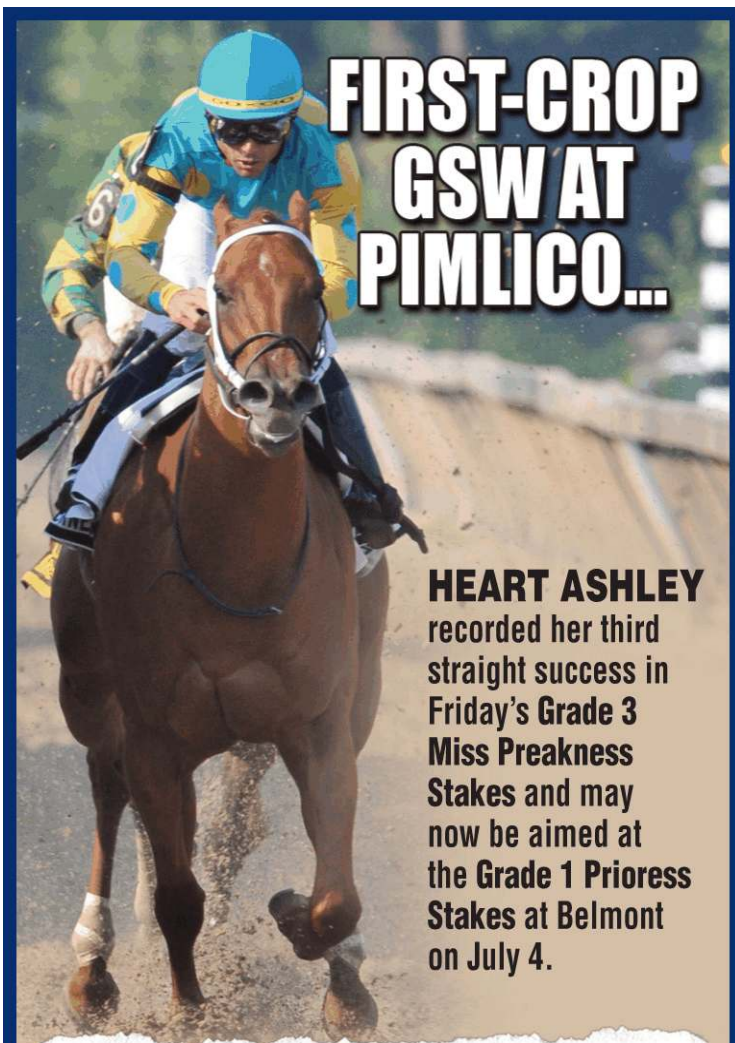
Bill Farish: We think that since 2006, the Breeders' Cup



Bill Farish *Horsephotos*

has made a lot of aggressive moves and major changes. There has been the increased number of races and the increase in purses to \$25.5 million. We were very happy with the first year of the two-year run at Santa Anita, with 31 international horses and 156 horses total. The Classic was the No. 1 rated race in the world. Our handle grew slightly in a down year overall for handle. We believe we are hitting on a lot of good things and a lot of good themes. But, looking long-term, it is prudent to take a step back and come up with a plan to make sure we're not missing anything. Also, we have to be more inclusive of our constituency, our Trustees and nominators, and get them involved in the process of having a say in where the Breeders' Cup is pointing long-term. That has been the most satisfying part of this process to me; to see the number of people who have participated over the three retreats and to get their input has been very gratifying. As you know, people in this industry are rarely ever on the same page. It's been good for everyone to be in the same room, even with people who don't share the same view. It has been helpful to hear divergent opinions.

Cont. p6



FIRST-CROP GSW AT PIMLICO...

HEART ASHLEY recorded her third straight success in Friday's Grade 3 Miss Preakness Stakes and may now be aimed at the Grade 1 Prioress Stakes at Belmont on July 4.



"She's been an A+ type animal since she joined our barn and showed us nothing but talent."

Trainer **Steve Asmussen**,
Thoroughbred Times Today, 05/16/09

LION HEART

Grade 1 winner at 2 & 3 years by
TALE OF THE CAT

• ASHFORD • **COOLMORE®** • ASHFORD •
A M E R I C A

Aisling Duignan, Dermot Ryan, Charlie O'Connor, Andre Lynch,
Gary Murray or Adrian Wallace. Tel: 859-873-7088. Fax: 859-879 5756.

www.coolmore.com



Greg Avioli: Back in 2006, when Bill became chairman and the new 13-member Board was elected, the Board had a very specific plan in mind, which was to grow the size and the stature of the event as quickly as possible and to address what everyone on the Board realized was a serious awareness problem that the Championships had with the general public. The Breeders' Cup was very well known within the industry and not nearly well-enough known outside the industry. In retrospect, we probably didn't do a good enough job of getting the details of that plan out to the broader nominators.



Greg Avioli *Horsephotos*

We want to correct that with this current planning process.

So, when you hear that the Breeders' Cup didn't have any strategic plan, that's not correct. The reality was we had a plan, but it wasn't widely understood and could have been communicated better. People understood parts of it, like a two-day event, but didn't exactly understand why we were doing everything we were doing.

TDN: Understanding that you aren't able to go into specifics right now, in broad terms, what did you learn from the Value Partners report?

BF: Value Partners undertook a very extensive survey of nominators and industry participants across the board, and they did 40 or 50 personal interviews. There were many themes covered and addressed, but one of the encouraging things to me was the confirmation that, overall, people view the Breeders' Cup in a very positive way. It's viewed as a positive for the industry and for the nominators. The greater group views the Breeders' Cup with a sense of ownership. That, I think, is part of why people get so passionate about it, positively or negatively. They feel that they are vested in it, and that's a good thing.

GA: The other thing that we learned is that we have a lot of different people with very large and varied expectations of the organization. There are some people who believe the Breeders' Cup should be the panacea for all the industry's woes. They essentially say, if there's a problem in the industry, the Breeders' Cup, and, possibly Keeneland and Churchill Downs, have to fix it. These are the three organizations in the industry that are doing the best and have the most resources, and many people feel it is our responsibility to fix what ails the industry. While we knew there were some people who shared those views, it was interesting to hear their specific comments.

A GIGANTIC LIST OF GRADED HORSES IN 2009...

1. **GHANAATI**
1st 1,000 Guineas-Gr.1
2. **HOLD ME BACK**
1st Lane's End S.-Gr.2
2nd Blue Grass S.-Gr.1
3. **COWBOY CAL**
1st Strub S.-Gr.2
1st San Pasqual H.-Gr.2
4. **SUZUKA CAUSEWAY**
1st Keio Hai Spring Cup-Gr.2, Tokyo, on Saturday
5. **SWIFT TEMPER**
1st Sixty Sails H.-Gr.3
6. **GIANT MOON**
1st Excelsior H.-Gr.3
7. **POINTILLISTE**
1st Prix de Barbeville-Gr.3
8. **MODEL**
2nd Santa Maria H.-Gr.1
3rd Santa Margarita Invitational H.-Gr.1
9. **FLYING SPUR**
3rd Kentucky Oaks-Gr.1

Giant's Causeway

In 2008 he had more GSW's (11), more G1SW's (5) and more \$1m. yearlings (4) than any other active sire in the U.S.A.

9 of his 12 Gr.1 winners are out of Mr. Prospector line mares!

• ASHFORD • **COOLMORE®** • ASHFORD •
A M E R I C A

Aisling Duignan, Dermot Ryan, Charlie O'Connor, Andre Lynch, Gary Murray or Adrian Wallace. Tel: 859-873-7088. Fax: 859-879 5756.

www.coolmore.com



TDN: Do you agree with that view--that the Breeders' Cup should work toward the greater good of the sport as a whole? Or should the Breeders' Cup care only about what's best for the Breeders' Cup? What did Value Partners have to say on this subject?

BF: Value Partners was very clear that the Breeders' Cup needs to focus primarily on the Championships. Obviously, there is an undeniable fact that we are part of a bigger industry and there are certain things we need to do to help the industry. But the best thing we can do for the industry is to put on the best possible Championships that we can and, as a result, promote the industry to as wide an audience as possible.

GA: Value concluded that the Breeders' Cup needs to focus on what it can do best as an organization. If we're focused on that and do our job well, that will deliver the most benefit to the industry. If we tried to do multiple other things that may not be within our critical skill set, then we are very likely to hurt our event and dilute the positive effect we can have on the industry.

TDN: Let's try to delve into the actual report, at least a bit. What were the major areas that Value Partners covered?

GA: Their recommendations focused on five areas.

The first is a combination of the host-site selection and the business relationship between the BC and the host tracks. Value recommends we focus on having more structure in the rotation of our host tracks and developing a closer, long-term relationship with a limited number of host tracks. Many of these issues are already being analyzed separately by the Host Site Selection Committee, chaired by R.D. Hubbard.

All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated

The second area is really just a continuation and a deeper exploration of what has been part of our plan the last three years, which is how do we continue to best expand internationally? We want to focus on markets that present the greatest long-term opportunities. One of the things that was very helpful for our Planning Committee members was an explanation of how much revenue is generated for the Breeders' Cup from a dollar wagered in Hong Kong as compared to a dollar wagered in Turkey. Different countries pay different rates based on their business practices, tax rates or laws. Many people on the Committee also were amazed to learn that the importation of any signals into Japan is still illegal. The Japanese can only bet on Japanese races. So when you look at the expansion of international markets, you have to factor that in. How much effort are you going to put into Japan knowing that a significant law would have to change before you could generate any wagering revenue?

The third area, which is common to all companies going through a process like this, is identifying opportunities for the Breeders' Cup to embrace emerging technologies. Some examples of that: there are applications out there right now that allow good, fast-paced service on BlackBerries for wagering. Yet we're still living in a time where the vast majority of our fans on site have to get up and go to betting windows. How do we make it easier on our customers? How do we embrace technology? Value has recommended that rather than trying to create technological innovations from whole cloth, we try to identify partners who are well advanced in leading technologies, and then make appropriate strategic relationships to jump-start action in those areas.

Four, while Value was very adamant that we should focus on what the Breeders' Cup does best, there's no question you have to do that in the context of where you expect the industry to be both domestically and internationally over the next five years. There has to be some projection as to which tracks and races are going to be in existence, how are people going to bet in the future, and what is your main international competition going to be. Is it going to be Dubai, Hong Kong, Japan or Australia or someone else? **Cont. p8**

AWESOME STAKES PERFORMANCE

TOCCT'S AWESOME RHYTHM powers his way to a 2nd stakes win in 21 days taking the **\$150,000 Marine Stakes at Woodbine 5/16/09.** [Click for video](#)

"Today was the proof he might be for real" -- trainer John Ross

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONNECTIONS

BERNSTEIN • TOCCT • SIR SHACKLETON

Inquiries to Stuart Fitzgibbon, Anna Studenny or Tobias Incollingo • (859) 455-9222 • www.castletonlyons.com



CASTLETON LYONS



(Cont. from p7)

They really want us to focus on the future environment in which the Breeders' Cup will operate. Directly related to that is also the broader question of how the Breeders' Cup can best connect with the year-long divisional races domestically and abroad that lead into the Championships.

Lastly, and, maybe, in many ways perhaps the most important area, are the finances of the organization. We have done a lot of reviewing of what our current revenues streams are, including our reliance on foal and stallion nominations, and what new revenue streams are out there now or might be out there in the future.

TDN: What additional revenue streams might there be?

BF: One of the things Value Partners was pretty clear on is that you shouldn't go out and invest in possible revenue streams just for the sake of investing in possible revenue streams. To the extent that something represents a good synergy for our business, that's one thing. But just to enhance revenues while diluting what we focus on and do best would be a mistake.

GA: They analyzed many of the same potential revenue streams that have been suggested in the past. What about the Breeders' Cup starting its own account-wagering company? What about the Breeders' Cup starting its own racetrack or buying a racetrack? After looking at these options, their clear recommendation is that that's really not what we do best, which is to put on the legitimate World Championships of horse racing.

BF: They made the analogy of other successful sports events. There are very few that put on a secondary event as well as their big event. You have the US Open, where you have an attempt to bundle some tournaments before the Open together and have a lead-up to the Open. But other than that, there are not a lot of examples of sports or organizations that do that.

GA: In looking at revenue sources for major sports championships, like the Masters and US Open, their revenues come from ticket sales, licensing and merchandising, sponsorships and television rights fees. What the Breeders' Cup has that they don't have is legal wagering.

The Breeders' Cup has been lucky or good or some combination of the two and, counting our on-track and off-track wagering, is generating somewhere between \$11 to \$14 million a year in wagering revenue. That needs to grow and there are opportunities to do so. Some of that will come from international expansion.

TDN: Let's go back to the subject of site location and site rotation. What did Value Partners have to say about those areas? Have we seen the end of the Breeders' Cup being held at tracks like Lone Star, Woodbine and Monmouth?

BF: I don't know if we will ever go back to any of those tracks, but it would take a significant chain of events for us to be able to look at any of those sites in the near future. Our event has grown and our wagering has grown and we need to stage the event at places that can complement that.

GA: If you look at the last decade, whether it's with Texas, Illinois or New Jersey, with all of those non-traditional host venues, their bids to host the Breeders' Cup were significantly augmented by state monies. We are probably at a time right now where it would be difficult for a state to come up with that level of support. No decisions have been made on site selection beyond the immediate future. What Value Partners has said is that they see our past track rotation as an area of concern. Everyone knows about the Kentucky Derby, but if you ask even some racing fans exactly what the Breeders' Cup is you're still going to get some varied answers. The consultants believe that one of the reasons for that is because we are at a different location every year. In many ways, people identify with an event by identifying with the location of the event. We need to have more structure and a better and easier story to tell people as far as teaching the broader public about the Breeders' Cup.

TDN: Would the Breeders' Cup ever settle on one location, with no rotation?

BF: In Value Partners' minds, there are two ways to go. One option is a single host track. The other option is a rotation, where you are between two, three or four tracks in a set rotation where you would go back to the same place every two, three or four years.

Cont. p9

Champali *Glitterman-Radioactivity, \$5,000 live foal*

Knockout After Knockout!
 May 16: **FIRING ORDER** won by 11 1/4 and **ROCK N RUMBLE**
 led start to finish in his 2nd start.
 Congratulations to their connections

GLENCREST FARM • LLC

Phone (859) 233-7032 • Deuce Greathouse • cell: (859) 221-8033
 email: farm@glencrest.com / www.glencrest.com



TDN: Value Partners had the opportunity to grade the Breeders' Cup. Would you grade Value Partners? Were you happy with the work that company did?

BF: They did an excellent job. I can't say that I was totally stunned by any of their conclusions, but I am emboldened by them. I feel that they gave us a better sense of focus. The process has been very good for our organization and for the nominators and Trustees as a whole, so they I think they performed very admirably.

GA: They were able to assimilate a tremendous amount of information in a very short period of time and really get at the core of the issue. As an example, they quickly came up with the tension between maintaining a vibrant foal nomination program and the fact that, almost by definition, that leads to the exclusion of some of the top horses in the world from your Championships event every year. If you want the best horses in the world competing each year, what is more important to you--that, or maintaining X million dollars a year in foal nomination fees?

TDN: To be a world championship in the truest sense of those words, the Breeders' Cup needs more participation from countries other than the U.S. and continents other than Europe. Did Value Partners come up with any innovative ways to include horses from places like South America, Australia and Japan?

GA: Bill mentioned that the planning process has emboldened him. One of the things that emboldened me was Value Partners' conclusion that we truly are the World Championships of this sport. There may be other championship events outside the U.S. that attract international horses, but no one really comes close to being able to claim the World Championships moniker that the Breeders' Cup has. Value noted that in other sports, people have spent billions of dollars trying to get to the place where we are today and be able to justifiably claim true World Championship status. That goes back to their point of staying focused on the Championships, because that's really what separates us from everybody else. As to the more specific issue of getting more international horses involved, that's a pretty complex issue. A subgroup of the Breeders' Cup's Racing and Nomination Committee headed by Chairman Bob Manfuso just went over to Newmarket to begin discussions with the European Breeders' Fund on the cross-registration agreement the Breeders' Cup has had for decades with them. The current one is about to expire. There are complicated issues relating to attracting international horses, but it goes back to a comment I made earlier, that it's a combination of maintaining the nomination program, being fair to those who do nominate their stallions and foals, and trying to not to be so punitive that you end up excluding too many of the best horses from being able to run in the Championship races.

TDN: In what areas do you think the Breeders' Cup can do better or have more of an impact on the sport as a whole? How do you make a good thing better? Would bigger purses help?

BF: There were two things that came out of this in that area that are worth mentioning. One, Value Partners weighed in on something that we have all been dealing with for many years, which is how do we keep the casual fans interested in racing after the Triple Crown is over and before the Breeders' Cup begins? We have their attention during the Triple Crown, and then the whole summer goes by and we try to get them to once again pay attention to our sport when the Breeders' Cup comes along. How can we better tell the story of the whole year and what leads up to the Breeders' Cup and have sports fans understand it and listen to it? How do we create a narrative that lasts through the season? That was central to their proposal. There have been numerous proposals through the years concerning how the Breeders' Cup can do that. It continues to be something where we are still searching for the right answer.

GA: On a positive note, we just had Kentucky Derby 135 and this year will only mark Breeders' Cup 26. In fewer than 30 years, we have made considerable strides in the international and domestic sports marketplaces. But we are really still in our infancy in terms of major championships, and the fact is we are already established as an international event in an increasingly international, global marketplace.

BF: As far as purse levels, the Kentucky Derby purse was \$2 million and the Kentucky Oaks was a \$500,000 race. The lower levels of those purses don't detract people from coming. Our purse levels are very high and more than adequate for the foreseeable future. We've gone up to \$25.5 million for the weekend and that is a huge level of total purses. We're at a level where we don't believe we need to raise purses to attract the top horses. Instead, we need to focus on other areas for making the event better.

GA: As to where we can get to, borrowing from my golf background, I think there really are some analogies to be made with the Ryder Cup in terms of the dramatic growth of the last two decades of interest in and appreciation of that event. Not coincidentally, the growth in interest in the Ryder Cup directly paralleled the increased success of the Europeans in the event. When you have better international competition, it becomes more interesting both to those outside the U.S. and to those inside the U.S. After last year's Breeders' Cup, we were asked were we concerned that too many foreign horses were winning Breeders' Cup purses? When you take a look at it, a significant number of those international horses were foaled in Kentucky.

Cont. p10



Value Partners focused on that point, as well. In many ways, the Breeders' Cup is the marketing arm for the U.S. breeding industry. Being that buyers come to U.S. sales from all over the world, what the Breeders' Cup needs to do is continue to grow awareness of the U.S. breeding industry through the presentation of the Championships.

TDN: Back to an earlier point that was made, how can the Breeders' Cup help bridge that gap from the Triple Crown to the Breeders' Cup?

BF: We're going to try things. That's what we said when we started the 'Win and You're In' and the Challenge races. We will continue to try things until we get something that gets traction. There are a hundred different ideas that people have that they believe are a foolproof way to go. But it's complicated and we're operating in a sports marketplace that is so vastly different than even 20 years ago. You can now watch most anything you want anytime, so it's hard to break through.

GA: As far as any new series goes, one of the recommendations Value had is to try to design it from the ground up with like-minded racetrack operators who want to be part of it. What has generally been the process for many years for the Breeders' Cup and for others has been for people to develop a racing series or a concept and then go and mandate that a track participate or commit to what is essentially someone else's idea. Value recommends we sit down with our colleagues at the racetracks and say, "what can we come up with that can address the specific question of 'How do we keep interest in racing alive after the Belmont and until the Breeders' Cup?'"

TDN: Did anyone look at ideas that might be considered outside the box, like running at night, moving the event to somewhere else on the calendar or holding the Breeders' Cup overseas?

BF: We definitely would like to run on the first weekend in November and not the last weekend in October. The reason is the World Series. Through 2013, we have come to an agreement with ESPN and will always be the first weekend in November. It's hard to envision the Breeders' Cup ever being anything other than a season-ending event. If we were to push it earlier on the calendar, you would tend to lose that because of so many Grade I stakes coming in behind you on the calendar.

GA: As to night racing, you've heard rumors over the last few weeks about the Derby considering it. But they are dealing with a different and much smaller group of horses. We have the best horses coming in from around the world, and most all of them have never raced at night.

I think it would be a longshot for us to ask them to do that for the first time at the Breeders' Cup. As far as the Championships being held at an international venue, that is a question that was posed in the surveys to the nominators and to the Trustees. While no final decisions have been made, I can tell you that there was not an overwhelming level of support within the Breeders' Cup's constituency to host the Championships, or even part of it, outside of North America.

TDN: As far as the entire process goes, I take it we're not even into the stretch yet. Would you take us through what will happen from here?

GA: We are still working on schedules with Value Partners and members of the Planning Committee, but in early June we will reconvene the Committee back in Lexington. At that point, the Committee members will have had three or four weeks to digest the report they were given from Value Partners. Value will also digest the feedback they have received in the last meeting. Everyone will get in the room one more time and the Committee will, hopefully, reach a consensus on its recommendations to the Board. Then Committee Chairman Satish Sanan will make a presentation of the Committee's final report to the full Board of Members and Trustees at the Annual Meeting July 9. At that point, given the level of complexity of a lot of these issues, I would assume there will be vigorous discussion and, I would expect, the Board of Directors will then direct management to take a deeper dive in certain areas.

TDN: Look into your crystal ball if you will. When this is all said and done, how might the Breeders' Cup be different than it is today?

BF: One thing that could come from this is that we could have a better understood set of metrics that we use to gauge our success. Other than that, I really don't want to venture in to what my hopes and expectations are for this.

GA: Bill mentioned metrics. That might sound like just a word. But I think it might just be the most important word of all coming out of this exercise. From my perspective, and this goes back to Year One of the Breeders' Cup in the 1980s, there has never been a common scorecard of how people were to judge the effectiveness of the organization. I hope and believe that out of this process we will have that for the first time. Whether that's going to turn out to be some combination of the number and quality of the horses in the Championships, how the Championship races are rated internationally, what the Championship revenues, attendance and wagering are, we will see. There are any number of ways to gauge the success of an event and an organization, and we have to come up with a common set of metrics to do that going forward. *Cont. p11*



When we do, it will be easier to have a discussion about whether the organization is achieving its purpose. Value Partners has said that one of the biggest problems we have as an organization is that so many different people have such different views on what the organization should and should not do and whether it is succeeding or not. If we can come out of this process with a clear agreement on the mission of the organization and have an agreement on how we're going to judge whether we are accomplishing that mission, I think that would be a huge success.

TDN: You are trying to take the Breeders' Cup level to the next level, but are trying to do so in a terrible economic environment. How much of a worry is that?

BF: We've already seen an impact. Our nominations will be off at least \$5 million from last year, from \$20 million down to \$15 million. We're not expecting in the next 12 months to see any kind of huge explosion forward for the Breeders' Cup. We're operating in a very difficult environment and we are hunkering down, to say the least. It is hard to grow significantly in that climate, but we can only play the hand we were dealt. We're trying to perform the best we can in this environment.

FOALING NEWS

Sponsored by

INTIDAB

Phone Trick – Alqwani, by Mr. Prospector



20% Stakes Horses, 85% Winners



STALLION INQUIRIES: (859) 224-4585 WWW.SHADWELLFARM.COM/INTIDAB

AZERI, 11, Jade Hunter--Zodiac Miss (Aus), by Ahonoora (GB)
 Foal born May 17, a filly by Ghostzapper.
 Owned by The Allen E Paulson Living Trust.
 Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms.
 Accomplishments: 3x Ch. Older Mare, Horse of the Year, MGISW, \$4,079,820.

WANDEL (ARG), 16, Fitzcarraldo (Arg)--La Brujula (Arg), by Cipol (Arg)
 Foal born Apr. 12, a filly by Johannesburg.
 Will be bred back to Awesome Again.
 Owned by Diamond A Racing & Arturo Vargas.
 Boarded at Diamond A.
 Accomplishments: MGSP-Arg. Dam of Salt Champ (Arg) (Salt Lake), Ch. 3yo Filly-Arg, GISW-US & MG1SW-Arg, \$217,541; Lucky Wish (Arg) (Lucky Roberto), SP-Arg.

☆ SOHEM. RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Cidade Jardim, Brazil
GRANDE PREMIO JULIANO MARTINS -G1, R70,468, Cidade Jardim, 5-17, 2yo c/f, 1600mT, 1:33.98, sf.
 1--#@▲**TOO FRIENDLY (BRZ), 121, c, 2, by Signal Tap**
 1st Dam: Jour De France (Brz) (GSP-Brz), by Tokatee
 2nd Dam: Unifrance (Brz), by Ghadeer (Brz)
 3rd Dam: Allegresse (GB), by Great Nephew (GB)
 O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-Luiz R Feltran; J-Carlos Lavor; R31,270. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0.
 *1/2 to Quebec Jour (Brz) (Tremolino), GSP-Brz.
 2--**Luther (Brz), 121, c, 2, Fantastic Dancer--Hay Luz (Brz), by Minstrel Glory. O-Vintage Thoroughbred; B-Haras Mabruk; T-Sergio Dorneles; R14,125.**
 3--**Vasueda (Brz), 121, c, 2, Thignon Lafre (Brz)--Lua Soberana (Brz), by Pleasant Variety. O-Stud Merx; B-Haras Pirassununga; T-E Garcia; R6,635.**
 Margins: 3/4, 2HF, 1, 2 1/4. Odds: 12.10, 16.20, 9.40.
 Sent off at 12-1 in his turf bow, the colt--representing trainer Luiz Roberto Feltran--set the pace and resisted all comers to post the upset victory. Feltran was recording his second consecutive score following Skypilot (Brz) (Put It Back)'s win in 2008. Julio Bozano's Haras Santa Maria de Araras homebred was an impressive winner of his career debut at Taruma Racecourse in Curitiba in February, nearly eclipsing the track record for 1,100 meters in the process. Most recently, the juvenile was runner-up in a conditions event in Sao Paulo Mar. 29.

Sunday, Cidade Jardim, Brazil
GRANDE PREMIO PRESIDENTE DA REPUBLICA - LUIZ INACIO LULA DA SILVA -G1, R170,784, Cidade Jardim, 5-17, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.58, sf.
 1--▲**KAPO DI TUTTI (BRZ), 128, c, 3, by Redattore (Brz)**
 1st Dam: Granny's Pie (Brz), by Ghadeer (Fr)
 2nd Dam: Palau (Arg), by Bold Forli
 3rd Dam: Pallas Cloud (Arg), by Keats (Arg)
 O/B-Haras Mabruk; T-Sergio Dorneles; J-Altair Domingos; R100,000. Lifetime Record: 14-7-2-3.
 2--**Mary Re (Brz), 128, f, 4, Ghadeer (Fr)--Itaquere Mint (Brz), by Clackson (Brz). O/B-Haras Old Friends, Ltd.; T-Selmar Lobo; R18,800.**
 3--**Olympic Gatsby (Brz), 128, c, 3, Roi Normand--lasmin Edge (Brz), by Ghadeer (Fr). O-Haras Regina; B-Haras Santa Ana do Rio Grande; T-R Solanes; R14,200.**
 Margins: 2 1/2, 2, 3/4. Odds: 3.40, 9.80, 4.30.
 Haras Mabruk's homebred Kapo di Tutti solidified his place as Sao Paulo's top miler with a devastating performance in recording his first Group 1 victory. The Sergio Dorneles trainee came into this event off three straight wins, including the G3 Grande Premio Presidente Antonio T. de Assumpcao Netto at Cidade Jardim last out Apr. 18. Kapo di Tutti is the third Group 1 winner and sixth graded stakes winner for Redattore, who shuttles from Haras Sao Jose da Serra, in the State of Parana, to Harris Farm in California.



WRITERS UP

WHY I LOVE THE PREAKNESS

by Barry Weisbord, TDN Publisher

In terms of sporting prestige, the Preakness isn't the Kentucky Derby, and yet it holds a special place in my heart, as well as on my annual calendar. Part of it is nostalgia; Frank DeFrancis gave me the opportunity to become a race designer and promoter, and to relaunch the Pimlico Special, which became one of the cornerstones of the ACRS. Part of it comes from attending an event where you can stay in a true luxury hotel (instead of one that's charging you \$1,000 a night because they can that week) with a beautiful view of the water within walking distance of one of America's great commercial and recreational areas--the Inner Harbor. And part of it, admittedly, is the chance to eat crabs. Lots of them. I'm always in a good mood driving the three hours from Red Bank to Baltimore.

Mr. DeFrancis is gone now, and Magna is in. Magna--in Maryland particularly--has taken a lot of hits lately, but the weekend was a pleasant surprise in a number of ways. I wanted to share some of the highlights.

We arrived Thursday night, checked into the Harbor Court, and walked over to Phillips Seafood in the Inner Harbor, where I sat down at the bar for my first crabcake of Preakness 2009, swapping racing stories with Garrett Gomez and a bunch of other racing fans on hand.

Friday morning, we arrived at the track at 6 a.m., where our media credentials allowed us to conveniently park right next to the stakes barn. The people in the parking lot were friendly, the security guards at the gates were friendly, and we walked into a spruced-up stakes area with recent plantings, fresh woodchip walkways and flower baskets. I know they're having problems, but that was hard to tell from appearance of the stakes barn at Pimlico. The festive look carried over to the attitude of the participants. Getting ready to do battle on the racetrack, the Preakness connections were all stabled under one roof, yet exhibited the best aspects of camaraderie our sport has to offer.

Later, as we walked to the frontside and entered the building with a handful of people, two industry friends noted how clean the facility was, just as I was thinking the same thing. I was delighted to come across their Breakfast at the Preakness for fans, who were given escorted tours of the stable area, including the stakes barn.

Later, I observed dozens of these fans pointing their cell-phone cameras at Chip Woolley as he was discussing his Derby winner and taking pictures with the fans. The way they allow fans to interact with the participants was brilliant and extremely well done.

I don't know Maryland Jockey Club President and CEO Tom Chuckas, but my sense is that he's paying a lot of attention, because someone is doing a good job there.

Black Eyed Susan raceday featured an interesting card, and through the Maryland Jockey Club, we bought a clubhouse restaurant table where we were given outstanding accommodations, including a television to watch other races from other tracks. Lunch was a buffet with a signature dish, of course, of crabcakes.

The only time I've ever had crabcakes this good at a racetrack was Breeders' Cup Day at Santa Anita, and my guess is that the same chef was involved.

The rest of the food--salads, pasta, chicken, carved meat, etc.--was all extremely well done, and the lunch concluded with a dessert cart with myriad offerings.

This was a welcome sight when contrasted to the single dish that some tracks employ on big race days. The service was great, and everybody was extremely cheerful, from the greeters to the servers to the busboys.

Saturday, we again parked in our extremely convenient spot, which was again well marked and cheerfully attended, walked back through the stakes barn entrance to the frontside, and were again seated at the same table and enjoyed the same type of buffet. We all agreed it was very reasonably priced and offered fair value compared to other sporting events.

Two bones of contention: there is no reason to start the races at 10:15 and to run them with the proper half hour between races for the first six before starting to drag the day out interminably. If you want to have a gap of 45 minutes to an hour before the Preakness to accommodate the pomp and circumstance, that's one thing, but artificially extending the day to make people spend more money on liquor, or whatever the reason may be, is inexcusable.

Also, having had a few runners over the weekend, I have to say the indoor paddock is dreadful, as it has always been at Pimlico.

That said, the saddling of the Preakness horses on the infield where, without leaving their seats, thousands can observe it is genius, and is a tradition which should never be abandoned.

Being a live witness to Rachel Alexandra's win was a special thing, but one which was accompanied by a particular nervousness this year as I watched the horses race and pull up.

Cont. p13



Horsephotos



As it turned out, though, the thundershowers held off, the race was cleanly run, the fans saw a near-perfect result with the filly beating the Derby winner, and everybody appeared to come back healthy. What a great moment that one of our highest-rated TV events finally caught a break.

The day ended with a short walk back to the stakes barn, where the post-Preakness festivities, with hospitality provided by Cosequin and the Maryland Jockey Club, are my favorite of the year. The most striking aspect of the scene was how everybody at the stakes barn--winners and losers alike--congratulated those who had done well and showed honest concern for those who had not. Some of those who were the least lucky were also the most exuberant in their congratulations. Bob Baffert and Ahmed Zayat had little to celebrate for themselves, but offered sincere praise to the Preakness victors. Ahmed and his family were there to embrace their starter, Pioneerof the Nile. He is a man who is as enthusiastic about this sport as he is diligent about observing his religion, and had parked an RV at the track in order to be able to observe his holiday and participate in his sport as well. Larry Jones had to be disappointed when Friesan Fire failed to fire, but he was all smiles as he applauded the heroes of the day. I pray his exit from our industry is delayed by many years.

It makes you wonder how well competing teams would get along if they were forced to share one locker room after the Super Bowl. It struck me that our trainer/owner community does a much better job of getting along and supporting one another than the various organizations that run the sport.

Cheers erupted as the filly made her way back from the spit box, and hundreds of cell phone cameras again literally appeared overhead to record the moment. Jess Jackson appeared to be floating on air.

The sun set, we made our easy walk back to the car, dealt with very little traffic and, after a brief stop for one last crabcake at Michael's at Timonium, were on our way home, already thinking that we couldn't wait for next year's Preakness.

SYNTHETIC SURFACES IN NORTH AMERICA

Track	All-Weather Surface
Arlington Park	Polytrack
Del Mar	Polytrack
Keeneland	Polytrack
Turfway Park	Polytrack
Woodbine	Polytrack
Hollywood	Cushion Track
Santa Anita	Pro-Ride
Golden Gate	Tapeta Footings
Presque Isle Downs	Tapeta Footings
OBS Training Center	Safetrack

SDW

STAKES DIGEST WEEKLY

**Did you know
that you could get...**

**A national list of weekly
stakes closings?**

**Divided by age, sex and
distance, and sorted
chronologically for easy
reference? (See sample
below)**

**Delivered to you by fax,
email, or on the web for**

FREE?

A sample from this week's SDW...

3/up, f/m, dirt, sprint

NATIONAL:

05-24 150 Vagrancy H.-II, **Bel**, 6.5f (150), **5-09**
 06-28 150 First Flight H.-II, **Bel**, 7f (150), **6-13**
 07-11 250 Princess Rooney H.-I, **Crc**, 6f (350), **6-27**
 08-09 150 Honorable Miss H.-II, **Sar**, 6f (150), **7-25**
 08-29 200/100 Ballerina-I, **Sar**, 7f (200), **8-15**

Click [here](#) to download the current edition.

Click [here](#) to sign up to receive it weekly.

To sign a friend up for the TDN, click [here](#). To start receiving TDN alerts, click [here](#).

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **CANADA** ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-WOX, \$62,687, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45 4/5, ft.

LADY SHAKESPEARE (f, 3, [Theatrical {Ire}](#)--Lady Shirl {GISW-US, GSW-Can, \$1,001,923}, by That's a Nice) made an outside rally to take a Woodbine turf sprint in her Aug. 15 unveiling, but could do no better than sixth when stretched out in the GIII Natalma S. over the same course Sept. 14. Sent to the shelf, the homebred waited behind rivals and split opponents at the top of the stretch to be third in a Keeneland turf allowance Apr.8. The chestnut, off as the 6-5 favorite here in her first start on the main track, waited in fourth early before she unleashed a six-wide move on the far turn. She collared the pacesetter Winning Turn (Tiznow) at the sixteenth pole and opened to a 2 1/2-length victory over that opponent. The winner is a full sister to Shakespeare, GISW-US & Can, \$1,293,780; and a half to Fantastic Shirl (Fantastic Light), SW & MGSP, \$251,505. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$74,793.

O/B-Charles E Fipke (KY). T-Roger L Attfield.

7th-WOX, \$33,919, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46 4/5, ft.

THOR'S PIPER (g, 3, [Thunder Gulch](#)--Lone Piper, by Dehere) was 10th over the Gulfstream lawn in his Feb. 28 debut, a race captured by Affirmatif (Unbridled's Song), winner of the Woodlawn S. at Pimlico Saturday. Switched to Polytrack at Keeneland Apr. 4, the gelding raced evenly to report home fourth. He was given a 4-1 chance here in his first start in Canada. Caught wide on both turns, the chestnut made a steady run to defeat a stubborn Moondrifter (Golden Missile). The winner is a full brother to the 2006 Queen's Plate Trial S. winner Piper's Thunder, SW, \$206,722. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,037.

O/B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON). T-Eric Coatrieux.


STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, AUGUST 14:

05-31 \$150,000 *Honeymoon Breeders' Cup*
H.-II, Hol, 3yo, f, 9fT (150)

06-06 \$150,000 *Eclipse-III, Wo*, 4yo/up, 8.5f (AWT) (150)

www.stakesdigestweekly.com



 **TODAY'S INSIGHTS**

The Idea is Excellence.

1:38p HR/TVG 4th-PHA, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, 6f
TOULOUSE LAUTREC ([More Than Ready](#)) chased home eventual GI Florida Derby winner Quality Road (Elusive Quality) when second in his debut at Aqueduct Nov. 29. Trying the inner track Jan. 3, the bay was rank while racing on the lead and faded to third as the 2-5 favorite. The Earle Mack colorbearer, previously trained by Rick Violette Jr., will cut back in distance here in his third outing, his first for the Steve Klesaris barn. [brisset.com PPs](#).
Eastern Daylight Time

Sunday Night's Result:

8th-HST, \$22,693, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$45,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.

POP ARTIST (c, 3, [Songandaprayer](#)--Kipper Quila {MSP, \$143,435}, by Kipper Kelly), a \$210,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$275,000 FTSAUG yearling, began his career for Darley and was fourth in the Fred Capossela S. over the Aqueduct inner track Feb. 15. Acquired by new connections, the chestnut made a quick bid to take a Hastings allowance Apr. 26. The colt, off as the 9-10 top pick here, stalked the pace and took over nearing the three-eighths after the early leader drifted out. Tested to the wire by Senor Rojo (Out of Place), the favorite dug in to deny that rival by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$58,216.
O-Swift Thoroughbreds Inc B-Idlewild Bloodstock (FL). T-Dino K Condilenios

• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

ARLINGTON
Giant Oak (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :47.60, 13/48

CHURCHILL DOWNS
Acoma (Empire Maker), 5f, 1:01.00, 5/27
Chitoz (Forest Wildcat), 5f, 1:02.40, 19/27
Macho Again (Macho Uno), 5f, 1:01.40, 8/27
My Pal Charlie (Indian Charlie), 4f, :52.00, 44/50
Spotsgone (Bright Launch), 5f, 1:04.00, 25/27
Thorn Song (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:02.20, 13/27

DELAWARE PARK
Maren's Meadow (Meadowlake), 5f, 1:00.00, •1/8

KEENELAND
Ocean Colors (Orientate), 4f, :51.40, 7/9



★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Result:

5th-DEL, \$39,750, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft.
OUR EDGE (c, 3, [The Cliff's Edge](#)--Cash the Flash (SW), by Star de Naskra), a \$25,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$130,000 KEESEP yearling, was a close second after contesting the pace in a Gulfstream state-bred event Mar. 29. Off at even money here, the colt set the pace and ran away in the stretch to defeat Wise Point (Point Given) by 8 3/4 lengths. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$30,500.
 O-Robert V LaPenta. B-Terrapin Stables Inc & Phillip & Marcia Cohen (FL). T-Nicholas P Zito.

Sunday Night's Result:

7th-PID, \$41,350, NW3L, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09 4/5, ft.
HEART OF A KING (g, 3, [Lion Heart](#)--Saintlike, by Saint Ballado), the 9-10 favorite off a third in Woodbine's Woodstock S. Apr. 26, pressed the pacesetter in second after breaking inward. After taking over at the quarter pole, the gelding was kept to task to post a three-length victory. Shattered Illusion (Rock and Roll), forced to take up at the start when he was cut off by the eventual winner, rallied for second. The victor was a \$75,000 KEEJAN short yearling and a \$95,000 KEESEP graduate. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-3-0-1, \$85,647.
 O-David A Ross. B-Saintlike Syndicate (KY). T-MV Pino.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

Ariege (Doneraile Court), 5f, 1:03.43, 39/44
 Chocolate Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), 6f, 1:13.44, 1/1
 Consequence (El Prado {Ire}), 4f, :48.03, 6/60
 Court Vision (Gulch), 4f, :51.24, 54/60
 Cowboy Cal (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :48.88, 23/60
 Diamondrella (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), 5fT, 1:06.12, 10/11
 Dunkirk (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :47.24, •1/60
 Elusive Lady (Van Nistelrooy), 4fT, :50.01, 3/7
 Game Face (Menifee), 4f (tt), :50.60, 23/29
 Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat), 5fT, 1:03.24, 6/11
 Gozzip Girl (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:02.43, 26/44
 Grand Couturier (GB) (Grand Lodge), 5fT, 1:06.80, 11/11
 My Princess Jess (Stormy Atlantic), 5fT, 1:02.04, 2/11
 Munnings (Speightstown), :47.24, •1/60
 Ready's Echo (More Than Ready), 4f, :48.72, 16/60
 Sailor's Cap (Distant View), 4fT, :47.80, •1/7
 The Roundhouse (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :48.72, 16/60
 Turn Away (Empire Maker), 5f, 1:02.03, 25/44
 Visit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), 4f, :48.84, 19/60

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 9th Race, \$39,000 Allowance, at Delaware Park. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Steuben Glass Partners with Breeders' Cup:

The Breeders' Cup and Steuben Glass have entered into a four-year partnership making the American glass-maker the official crystal trophy provider of the Breeders' Cup. As part of the new relationship, Steuben will create customized special edition trophies to be presented to breeders, trainers and jockeys of championship winners. "Steuben's legacy of creativity and quality was critical to the creation of this new partnership," said Peter Land, Chief Marketing Officer, Breeders' Cup. "Steuben is a world-class, premium brand that will appeal to our fans and to the horsemen that are such an integral part of the Breeders' Cup family."

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

World Blue, c, 3, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Sunday Wish (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Oi, 5-12, Fortunate Carnation, 9f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$40,000. O-Blue Management; B-Fusao Sekiguchi; T-Hideyuki Mori.

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, May 19

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
BIRDSTONE (Grindstone), Gainesway, \$10K, 114/23/4
 5-IND, Msw, 5fT, +Torres Strait, 20-1
LION HEART (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/58/5
 5-IND, Msw, 5fT, +Moonlight Escapade, \$90K OBS FEB 2yo, 5-1

• ON THE WORKTAB •

HOLLYWOOD

Becrux (Ity) (Glen Jordan {GB}), 5f, :59.60, •1/23
 Bootleg Annie (Go For Gin), 6f, 1:13.80, 2/6
 Golden Doc A (Unusual Heat), 4f, :47.80, 5/30
 Rail Trip (Jump Start), 4f, :49.40, 21/30

SANTA ANITA

Foxysox (GB) (Foxhound), 5f, 1:00.40, 13/40
 Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie), 5f, :59.60, 2/40



★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Windsor, 18.40, Cond, £18,000, 2yo, 5f 10ydsT, 1:00.78, gd.

MONSIEUR CHEVALIER (IRE) (c, 2, Chevalier {Ire}--Blue Holly {Ire}, by Blues Traveller {Ire}), who took a Newmarket conditions event last time Apr. 15, tracked the leading pair early. Shaken up at the two-furlong marker, the 17,000gns TATOCT yearling hit the front 150 yards from home and was hand ridden to prevail by 1 3/4 lengths from Archers Road (Ire) (Titus Livius {Fr}) as the 2-7 chalk. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, £23,453.

O-Mrs Valerie Hubbard & Ian Higginson; B-Tally-Ho Stud; T-Richard Hannon.

Bath, 14.00, Cond, £5,500, 2yo, 5f 11ydsT, 1:03.26, gd.

RADIOHEAD (GB) (c, 2, Johannesburg--Security Interest, by Belong to Me) ran second in a Newmarket maiden on debut May 3 and the 1-10 chalk tracked the clear early leader in second. Moving effortlessly to the front before the eighth pole, the €130,000 GOFNOV foal and 78,000gns TATOCT yearling coasted home by four lengths from Ragsta (Ire) (Key of Luck). [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £6,453.

O-Mrs Carmen Burrell & Jonathan Harvey; B-Redmyre Bloodstock & S Hillen; T-Brian Meehan.

EUROPEAN VIDEO LINKS



- 18.40 WINDSOR (COND.)** Monsieur Chevalier (Ire) (Chevalier {Ire}) remains undefeated in three starts.
- 14.00 BATH (COND.)** Radiohead (GB) (Johannesburg) runs greenly but wins with ease.
- 18.10 WINDSOR (Mdn)** Yer Woman (Ire) (Kyllachy {GB}) goes one better in second start.

All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated

Windsor, 18.10, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, f, 5f 10ydsT, 1:01.51, gd.

YER WOMAN (IRE) (f, 2, Kyllachy {GB}--Genny Lim {Ire}, by Barathea {Ire}) finished second in a decent Bath maiden first time up May 6 and the 5-2 second choice was niggled at in rear initially. Asked for her full effort at the quarter pole, the 7,500gns TATOCT yearling ran on strongly under pressure to catch White Daffodil (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) 50 yards out and score by 1 1/4 lengths. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £4,695.

O-Mrs R McArdie; B-Mrs Clodagh McStay; T-Richard Hannon.



LONHRO FILLY TOPS INGLIS OPENER A filly by Lonhro brought a A\$57,500 final bid from Cape Falls Thoroughbreds, topping Monday's opening session of the Inglis Melbourne Great Southern Weanling Sale. A member of the annual reduction offered by Darley, [Lot 50](#) is out of the King's Theatre (Ire) mare Chiq Flick (Aus), who is a daughter of the Group 1 winner Ma Chiquita (NZ). At Monday's opening weanling session, a total of 131 horses sold, with only 10 passed in, for a gross of \$A1.06 million and an average of A\$8,116. "Overall, it's been a very strong start to the sale with buyers represented from every state in Australia and New Zealand," said Inglis Director Peter Heagney. "Typically, the good quality horses sold extremely well, but the satisfying part was the competition on all lots. At this stage it has been a very good result and I see no reason why it would drop off." The sale continues today, with the second session beginning at noon (local time). For complete results, visit www.inglis.com.au.

TDN Euro is:

- England:** Sean Cronin (*CAFE Racing*)
Tom Frary (*CAFE Racing*)
- France:** Claude Beniada
- Germany:** Christa Riebel
- Ireland:** Dave Keena
- Italy:** Giorgio Barsotti



WHAT IS OPPENHEIM ON ABOUT NOW?

Whether it's sales, racing or breeding...read the latest musings from Bill Oppenheim!

You can find all of Oppenheim's columns in the [TDN Archive](#).



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-WOX, \$70,214, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000-\$77,500), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5, ft.

MIMI COOPER (f, 4, **R. Cooper--Bella Stellina, by Pass the Line**) Lifetime Record: 10-6-2-0, \$218,942. O-Geoff Roy. B-Carla Gloger (FL). T-Wray I Lawrence.

6th-PID, \$36,075, 5-17, NW2L, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10 2/5, ft.

RUNNINGONAPRAYER (f, 3, **Songandaprayer--Tribal Run, by Cherokee Run**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$47,165. O-Twin Creeks Racing Stable. B-Southern Chase Farm Inc (FL). T-Timothy E Hamm. *\$135,000 wIng '06 OBSOCT; \$130,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

5th-PRM, \$34,169, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

CONCERT KING (g, 6, **King of Scat--Bay Symphony, by Meadowlake**) MSP, Lifetime Record: 46-7-13-7, \$200,655. O-Frank Williams & Steve Manley. B-William L Hobbs & David C Anderson (IA). T-Steve Manley. *1/2 to Hesablumin (Blumin Affair), SW, \$170,333.

8th-GGX, \$33,720, 5-17, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:38 2/5, fm.

MIAMI HOUSE (g, 5, **Chester House--Miami Mama, by Theatrical {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$42,700. O-Leroy Krum. B-Michael Doyle (KY). T-Quinn Howey. *\$20,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

4th-IND, \$31,000, NW4L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

TIE (f, 3, **Even the Score--Lady Samira, by Dehere**) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$60,100. O-Billy Hays. B-James R Elliott (IN). T-Joe Woodard. *\$24,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT.

8th-WRD, \$23,500, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, ft.

SEMINOLE SUZIE (f, 4, **Fistfite--Hadagirl, by Hadif**) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$27,714. O-Dana & Suzanne Harris. B-Dana Harris (OK). T-Joe R Aguilar.

3rd-FLX, \$21,700, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

ONE SWEET THING (m, 5, **Royal Academy--Honey Sorbet, by Housebuster**) Lifetime Record: 24-4-5-2, \$66,956. O-My Purple Haze Stables. B-Netherbloom Farm LLC (NY). T-Chris J Englehart. *\$30,000 yrl '05 FTNAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Belle Valee**, f, 2, **Peaks and Valleys**--Hawk Lake Fire (SW, \$221,571), by Tiffany Ice. WOX, 5-18, (S), 4 1/2f (AWT), :54. B-Dr R K House (ON). *C\$15,000 yrl '08 CANSEP.

Jump Pass, c, 3, **Jump Start**--Captive Number (SP), by Polish Numbers. HST, 5-18, 6 1/2f, 1:18. B-Audubon Farm (KY). *\$7,000 2yo '08 KEEJAN; \$10,000 2yo '08 BESMAY.

Just Pick Me, f, 3, **Yes It's True**--She's Selective (SP), by Piker. IND, 5-18, 5fT, :58 3/5. B-Justice Farm & Greg & Steve Justice (KY). *\$60,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL. **3/4 to Truth Matters (Is It True), SW, \$239,404.

Sunflower Drive, f, 4, **Paynes Bay**--Palmetto Bay, by Broad Brush. WOX, 5-18, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:11 4/5. B-Eugene Melnyk (FL). *1/2 to Cherry Grove (Archers Bay), MSP-Can, \$184,309.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN JAPAN:

Cinderella Romance (Jpn), f, 4, **Elusive Quality**--Sindy, by A.P.Indy. Sonoda, 5-13, Yodogawa Tokubetsu, 9.35f. Lifetime Record: 12-2-0-1, \$110,737. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Osamu Hirata.

Midas Touch (Jpn), c, 4, **Seeking the Gold**--Shires Ende (MGSW & GISP, \$463,038), by El Prado. Kyoto, 5-16, Momoyama S., 9f. Lifetime Record: 18-4-0-4, \$695,263. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Grand Farm; T-Kunihide Matsuda.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Koo and the Gang (Ire), g, 2, **Le Vie Dei Colori** (GB)--Entertain (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). Southwell, Britain, 5-18, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT). B-Vincent Howley. *€13,000 yrl '08 TATIRE. **Second winner for freshman sire (by Efisio {GB}).

Spring Green (GB), f, 3, **Bahamian Bounty** (GB)--Star Tulip (GB) (SW-Eng), by Night Shift. Bath, Britain, 5-18, Mdn, 3-4yo, 5f 11ydsT. B-Coln Valley Stud. *1/2 to Texas Gold (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), SP-Eng, \$376,991.

+ **Sunshine Always** (Ire), g, 3, **Verglas** (Ire)--Easy Sunshine (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Wolverhampton, Britain, 5-18, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7f 32yds (AWT). B-Moyglare Stud Farm. *€110,000 yrl '07 GOFFEB; 80,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.